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# Cash cows on the highway

Private warden companies and Datatrak receive thousands of euros from overspeeding fines as they clutter the islands with more speed cameras

David Darmanin and Matthew Vella

SPEED cameras are earning millions of euros for three private companies, a MaltaToday analysis shows, with 58c from each €1 that motorists pay in speeding tickets going into their pockets.

The companies, which service the cameras and process the contravention data, are now expected to earn millions more with the eight new speed cameras installed last month.

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## Majority against ban on *Stitching*

**mt survey**

51.1% oppose the ban on Anthony Nielson's play *Stitching* imposed by the censorship board, with a majority stating they want the censorship board stripped of its power to determine what adults can watch.



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## Gonzi turns to Frank Portelli for EP elections

PRIME Minister Lawrence Gonzi approached PN stalwart Dr Frank Portelli last Wednesday, asking him to stand as European Parliamentary candidate in the EP elections in June.

MaltaToday is informed that Portelli accepted the PM's offer but the candidature still needs to be accepted by the PN executive to be held next Thursday.

Portelli's candidature will go a long way in boosting the resolute

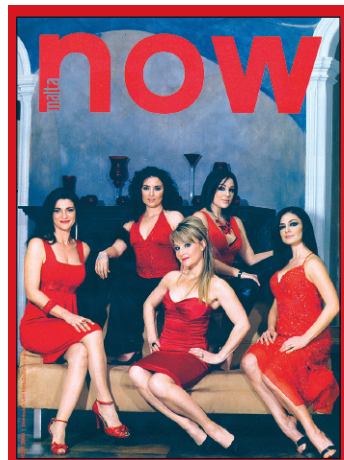


Dr Frank Portelli

Nationalist middle class who regard Portelli as one of them.

The PN is concerned that the next EP elections will be a testing ground for the protest vote against the party and Portelli's candidature is aimed at diminishing that shock. Frank Portelli

is considered a market liberal in the party. A former parliamentarian and president of the party, he is also the owner of St Philip's Hospital.



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